

Theology, Part 1 The ISMC Statement of Faith

After carefully reading the ISMC Statement of Faith, please <u>sign and date</u> this form. Then kindly respond to the questions in the ensuing pages.

THE ISMC STATEMENT OF FAITH

We believe:

- 1. That the Bible is divinely inspired. By this we mean a miraculous guidance by the Holy Spirit in the original writings, extending to all parts of Scripture, even to the choice of the words, so that the result is the very Word of God, the only infallible rule of faith and practice; that God has exercised singular care and providence through the ages in preserving His written Word, so that the Scriptures as we now have them contain all things essential for salvation and godly living.
- 2. That there is only one God, and that He exists eternally in three persons: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit; that the Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, is fully human and fully divine; and that the Holy Spirit is a divine person, with a personality as distinct as that of the Father or the Son.
- 3. That humanity was created in the image of God and was created for the purpose of being in relationship with Him; that all people are sinners by nature and by choice and are therefore separated from God and under condemnation; that their only remedy is through the saving work of the Lord Jesus Christ on their behalf.
- 4. That the death of Jesus Christ was necessary for our salvation and was a sufficient sacrifice for the sin of all people; that those who accept Jesus Christ by faith and repentance receive forgiveness and new life from God, and the broken relationship with Him is restored.
- 5. That Jesus Christ was raised bodily from the dead and is now alive and interceding for us in heaven; that the Holy Spirit is at work in the world, bringing spiritual awareness and drawing people to Jesus Christ; that the Holy Spirit is also at work in our lives, producing godly fruitfulness, spiritual growth, and holy living through His presence and power.
- 6. That God intends believers to meet together regularly in community to worship God, to grow spiritually in mutual fellowship, and to work corporately to impact the world with God's love; that the local church is God's primary vehicle for these ministries to occur.
- 7. That hope in the personal, imminent return of the Lord Jesus Christ motivates us toward urgent, effective ministry; that there will be a final judgment by God, in which the saved will enter into everlasting joy, and the lost will enter into everlasting punishment.
- 8. That God expects believers to bring help and hope to a broken world; that it is a sacred responsibility and privilege of followers of the Lord Jesus Christ to make His gospel known to all people throughout the world.

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1. Apart from the Statement of Faith above, do you hold strongly to any other doctrinal viewpoints which you consider to be distinctive from other evangelical Christians? If so, pleas explain.
2. ISMC is an interdenominational, parachurch organization, and thus may work with churches organizations or individuals which vary with us on certain theological points. Which issue(s) in the following list would create a struggle for you personally in a cooperative situation? Please elaborate; use another page if necessary.
Charismatic/Pentecostal distinctives
Calvinism/Arminianism
Differences in eschatology (doctrine of the end times)
Women in ministry leadership
Other (e.g., baptism, specific denominations, etc.)

YOUR PERSONAL EXPRESSION OF IMPORTANT CHRISTIAN DOCTRINES

It is important that all ISMC Staff be able to articulate the fundamental truths of the Christian faith. Please explain in your own words your personal beliefs concerning each subject below.

1.	The Importance of Scripture	
2.	Living the Christian Life Daily	
3.	The Saving Work of Jesus Christ: 3.a Why the Death of Jesus Christ is important	
	3b. Why the Resurrection of Jesus Christ is important	

4.	The Work of the Holy Spirit in the Believer's Life
5.	The Lordship of Jesus Christ
6.	The Sinful Condition of All Humanity
7.	The State of Unbelievers in Eternity
8.	What are the next steps after a person receives Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour?
9.	Importance of discipleship

Theology, Part 3 Sharing the Gospel

HOW DO YOU LEAD A PERSON TO CHRIST?

In your own words, please explain how you would lead a person to Christ. Be sure to include what issues need to be covered in your presentation, and what is required for a person to come to true saving faith.



ASSOCIATE STAFF APPLICATION FORM

"He called you . . . that you might share in the glory of our Lord." II Thessalonians 2:14

I have read and agree to live in accordance with ISMC's Lifestyle Practice and Conduct Policy (available from ISMC Candidate Director at applications@ismc.ca).

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Name (Printed):		
NOTE: The ISMC Candidate Committee	will review this application, and you will be informed	

promptly of their decision.